GOVERNMENT OF INDIA
STEEL
LOK SABHA

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POSSESSION OF IRON ORE MINES BY SAIL
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Will the Minister of STEEL be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) is facing some problems to get the possession of Chiria and Rawghat iron ore mines;

(b) if so, the details thereof; and

(c) the remedial steps proposed to be taken by the Government in this regard?

Answer

MINISTER OF STATE IN THE MINISTRY OF STEEL (DR. AKHILESH DAS)

(a)to(c): Steel Authority of India Limited (SAIL) had submitted proposals for renewal of mining leases for Chiria iron ore mines. Three out of six leases are under deemed extension and the other three are under litigation between SAIL and State Government of Jharkhand in the Hon`ble High Court of Jharkhand. Vigorous efforts are being made by SAIL and the Ministry of Steel at various levels to settle the matter amicably.

In case of Rowghat, the matter was taken up by the Ministry of Steel. The Ministry of Mines vide their Gazette Notification No.G.S.R.438(E) dated 20/7/06 and Corrigendum No.G.S.R. 542(E) dated 8/9/06 have reserved the Raodongri in the sub-blocks of Rowghat F Deposit in favour of SAIL. The process for grant of mining lease and related statutory clearances is under progress.